

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Brake Safety Awareness Week**

August 28-30, 2006, Washington State Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Division will be participating in Brake Safety Awareness Week. Officers across the state will be conducting Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Level 1 safety inspections. A Level 1 safety inspection consist of checking both the driver's paperwork and vehicle equipment for compliance with the federal motor carrier rules and regulations.

Brake Safety Week is part of the Operation Air Brake Campaign, an ongoing effort (since 1998) that is dedicated to improving inspection, compliance, maintenance, and performance of commercial vehicle brakes throughout North America. Operation Air Brake is sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, North America's leading commercial vehicle safety enforcement organization.

Last September in Spokane, Steven, Lincoln and Adams County, a total of 258 inspections were conducted. Out of the 258 inspections, 61 vehicles were placed out of service for either brake related problems or for other items such as hours of service.

**\*\*\*Note:** Please contact me if you would like to schedule an interview.

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